

These projections see Maiden growing from the 1968 estimates of 2,275 persons to 2,360 by 1970; 2,610 by 1980; and 2,904 persons in town by 1990. The fringe area around town is projected at the same rates, based on development in recent years, thus giving total planning area populations of 4,188 in 1970; 4,630 in 1980; and 5,152 in 1990. (Figure 5 is a graphic presentation of past trends with projections for the future.)

The population projections are given by age and sex groups in Table 5. By considering various groups and group combinations from this table, certain effects from the anticipated change in population can be noted for planning purposes. For example, the number of children in the age bracket of 0-14 in the planning area is seen as changing from 1,299 in 1970 to 1,597 in 1990 -- an increase of about 300. This would indicate the need of an additional elementary school by that time -- based on the planning area alone, and particularly when considering that the school district is larger than the planning area. This increase in the number of children must also be considered in providing recreational facilities.

The older age groups anticipated will have definite effect in the planning area as well. In the combined age groups of 15-24 and 25-34 a total change from 1,214 in 1970 to 1,495 by 1990 is indicated. This approximately 280 person increase, many of childbearing age, indicates that additional needs for young families will occur -- more fire and police protection, more water and sewerage facilities, etc. The older age groups, from 55 years up, does not increase in total number as much as the other groups. The planning area total goes from 626 in 1970 to 772 by 1990 -- an increase just short of 150 persons. While this is not as large as the other groups, it is worthy